
Fiscal Year 2007 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

Program or Park Area: **Emergencies, Hardships, Relocation, and Deficiencies**

Location: Servicewide

Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining: N/A

Cost Detail: FY 2007 **\$2.349 million** requested
No estimated annual operating costs are associated with this acquisition
FY 2006: \$2.463 million appropriated
FY 2005: \$2.465 million appropriated
FY 2004: \$1.975 million appropriated

Improvements: Various

Description: Funds provided in FY 2007 will be used for the following:

1. Emergency and hardship acquisitions at National Park System units for which acquisition funds are not otherwise available. The availability of funds for emergency and hardship acquisitions permits timely action to alleviate hardships and to prevent adverse land uses that threaten park resources;
2. Relocation costs that result from the acquisition of improved property at areas for which acquisition funds are not otherwise available; and
3. Payment of deficiency judgments in condemnation cases at areas for which acquisition funds are not otherwise available. The availability of funds to pay court awards in a timely manner ensures that the accumulation of interest on the deficiency will be minimized and will result in considerable savings to the Government.

The National Park Service will continue to coordinate land acquisition efforts with other Federal agencies which operate in park units' local jurisdictions. Depending on the park unit in which acquisition work is being carried out the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Forest Service may be involved.

Need: The funds requested would be used for the acquisition of emergency and hardship tracts at areas where funds are not otherwise available. The funds will be used to pay deficiencies for condemnation cases previously filed in court and for the payment of relocation claims as directed in P.L. 91-646. Historically, these funds have been used in hardship cases to acquire lands within units whose owners have been as diverse as an Alaska Native Corporation which desires to establish additional Tribal funds or an older couple who face medical expenses, and have been used in emergency situations ranging from proposed subdivision development on top of an historic battlefield or the last privately owned parcel in an historic district that protects a unique ecosystem.

Strategic Goal: Resource protection: protect cultural and heritage resources.

Fiscal Year 2007 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

Program or Park Area: **Inholdings, Donations and Exchanges**

Location: Servicewide

Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining: N/A

Cost Detail: FY 2007 **\$2.348 million** requested
No estimated annual operating costs are associated with this acquisition
FY 2006: \$2.463 million appropriated
FY 2005: \$2.465 million appropriated
FY 2004: \$1.975 million appropriated

Improvements: Various

Description: An inholding is a parcel of land in a unit of the National Park System that was authorized before July 1959 (before Fiscal Year 1960). The National Park Service pursues, subject to the availability of funds appropriated for the acquisition of inholdings, an opportunity-purchase program by acquiring interests in inholdings offered for sale by landowners. The purchase of an inholding for an amount that exceeds \$150,000 and/or the appraised value must be cleared by the appropriate House and Senate Committees.

Costs related to the acquisition of lands by donation are incurred for title and appraisals, required hazardous materials surveys, other surveys and clearances, and relocation payments when necessary, for which acquisition funds are not otherwise available.

Costs related to the acquisition of lands by exchange are incurred for title and appraisals, required hazardous materials surveys, other surveys and clearances, and equalization payments when necessary, for which acquisition funds are not otherwise available.

The National Park Service will continue to coordinate land acquisition efforts with other Federal agencies which operate in park units' local jurisdictions. Depending on the park unit in which acquisition work is being carried out the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Forest Service may be involved.

Need: As of September 30, 2004, there were approximately 2,257 tracts in 30 units identified as inholding areas, totaling 32,390 acres with an estimated value of approximately \$236.1 million. The funds requested will be used (1) to acquire inholdings (lands within park units which were created prior to FY 1960), (2) to cover costs (other than land acquisition administration costs) associated with accepting a donation of land, and (3) to cover costs (other than land acquisition administration costs) for title, appraisal, surveys and equalization payments required for exchanges in those areas for which acquisition funds are not otherwise available.

Strategic Goal: Resource protection: protect cultural and heritage resources.

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Program or Park Area: **Civil War Battlefield Preservation Grants**

Location: Servicewide

Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining: N/A.

Cost Detail: FY 2007 **\$4.0 million** requested
No estimated annual operating and maintenance costs are associated with this acquisition
FY 2006: \$2.956 million appropriated
FY 2005: \$4.930 million appropriated
FY 2004: \$1.987 million appropriated
FY 2002: \$11.0 million appropriated
FY 1998: \$8 million appropriated

Improvements: Various

Description: Funds provided in FY 2007 will be used to provide grants to States and local communities for the purpose of acquiring lands or interest in lands to preserve and protect Civil War battlefield sites. This program originated with Public Law 105-277, the Omnibus appropriations bill for FY 1999, which made funding from fiscal years 1998 and 1999 available for grants to States and local communities for purposes of acquiring lands or interests in lands to preserve and protect the Civil War battlefield sites identified in the July 1993 Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields prepared by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission. Grants were made subject to a 2-to-1 match. Additional funding was provided in the FY 2002 appropriation, as follows: "The Committee recognizes the demonstrated accomplishment of the Civil War Battlefield Preservation program, and therefore recommends \$11,000,000 for this program similar to the appropriation provided in fiscal year 1999. The Committee expects at least a 1:1 cost-share for these funds. The Committee also expects this appropriation to be sufficient for such battlefield acquisition for the next 3 years."

Public Law 107-359 (December 2002) amended the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 and authorized \$10 million in Battlefield Protection Grants to be appropriated each year FY 2004 through 2008. According to the findings quoted in the law, well over half of the 384 principal Civil War battlefields (as identified by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission in 1993) were already lost, or were in imminent danger of being lost entirely or fragmented by development. Another 17 percent were cited as being in poor condition. The new law, like the FY 2002 appropriations language, recognized both the success of the Service's program to develop protections for these non-NPS sites, and the need to continue supporting the program.

Need: The number of unprotected sites and the rapid growth of development in the eastern United States create an urgent need to move this program forward as quickly as possible. The nature of identifying and developing partnerships, raising funds and finalizing land transactions are time-consuming. Given the immediacy of the danger to these sites, the requested funding will be needed without delay as the previous amounts are committed, in order to maintain continuity and momentum.

Strategic Goal: Resource protection: protect cultural and heritage resources.

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Program or Park Area: **Flight 93 National Memorial**

Location: Somerset County, Pennsylvania

State/County/Congressional District: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania/Somerset County/Congressional District No. 9

Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining: There is no limitation.

Cost Detail: The new Flight 93 National Memorial has donated funds that are being used, combined with a base budget for operations (including maintenance). These funds take into account the cost of operating with this anticipated land as the park physical base.

Date	Acres	Total Amount (\$000)
FY 2007 Request	1,656	\$5,000
Future Funding Needed	606	\$5,000

The total amount includes cost of: title, appraisal, environmental site assessment, acquisition, relocation assistance.

No funds have been appropriated for this project, to date.

Planning for the memorial has been ongoing for two years. Land acquisition priorities were completed in 2004, and reconfirmed with the General Management Plan study in 2005, following direction from Congress during the fiscal year 2006 budget hearings.

Description: The Act of September 24, 2002 (P.L. 107-226), established, as a unit of the National Park System, the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 in Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. On September 11, 2001, the passengers and crew of Flight 93 courageously gave their lives thwarting a planned attack. Flight 93 National Memorial will be a permanent memorial to the heroes on that plane.

The Conservation Fund (TCF), a non-profit conservation organization, is assisting with the protection of lands at the national memorial. Donations to TCF of 29 acres by PBS Coal and 140 acres by CONSOL Energy will ensure protection of portions of the crash site.

Natural/Cultural Resources Associated with Proposal: Over 2,000 acres in south-central Pennsylvania became a resting place for these victims of terror. The National Park Service, in partnership with the Flight 93 Memorial Task Force, the Flight 93 Advisory Commission, and Families of Flight 93, Inc., will acquire the land and provide a place for future generations to honor these brave men and women.

Threat: The lands which were touched by debris from the explosion of the airplane house businesses of many types, from mining to farming to scrap yards. For the past four years, the people and companies which own these lands have put their lives on hold, or have carefully proceeded, being mindful of the event which occurred there. They need to continue to earn a livelihood and return to normal ways of doing business.

Need: The funds requested, \$5.0 million, will be used to purchase ten high priority tracts that include portions of the impact site and several buildings used by the FBI and State police during the investigation of the event.

DOI Strategic Goal: Resource protection: protect cultural and heritage resources.